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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 November 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 27-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 27-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/5/2008 has been entered.

2. The Applicant argues, that Bell in view of Sheha does not disclose, teach, or suggest " (1) communication between a first and a second user via the first user's mobile communicator and the second user's mobile communicator; (2) operative, following provision to said first user of said personal information relating to said second user and provision to said second user of said personal information relating to said first user, to enable communication between said first and second user via said first user's mobile communicator and said second user's mobile communicator. "

First, Bell in view of Sheha clearly teach (1) communication between (see Bell, [0005] lines 1-4) a first (fig.1, item 12) and a second user (item 22) via the first user's mobile communicator and the second user's mobile communicator (see Bell, [0106]-[0107]).

Second, Bell in view of Sheha clearly teach (2) operative, following provision to said first user (item 12) of said personal information (image/phone/email) relating to said second user (item 22) and provision to said second user (item 22) of said personal

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information (image/phone/email/personal data) relating to said first user (see Bell, fig.2, [0106]-[0107]), to enable communication between (see Bell, [0005] lines 1-4) said first (item 12) and second user (item 22) via said first user's mobile communicator ([0055] the personal data may comprise a standardised format such as that used for V-card business card exchange and see fig.1) and said second user's mobile communicator (see Bell, [0106]-[0107]).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 27-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bell (U.S.Pub-20050280502) in view of Sheha et al. (U.S.Pub-20030016804).

Regarding claim 27, Bell teaches an introductions system comprising:

a plurality of mobile communicators (fig.2, user devices 1-3); and

a server (fig.2, database 105) communicating with said plurality of mobile communicators (fig.2);

said server (database 105/205) being operative to store personal information relating to users said plurality of mobile communicators ([0015], [0101]) and to provide to a first user of said users via said first user's mobile communicator ([0020]-[0026]), said personal information relating to a second user of said users ([0015], [0020]-[0026]),

upon designation of said first user by said second user ([0106]), using said second user's mobile communicator ([0106], claim 1 (lines 22-25)),

said designation comprising employing a mobile communicator location functionality ([0109]-[0110]) for providing a visually sensible map indicating the relative locations of a plurality of said mobile communicators in communication with said server in a space (not show), employing the mobile communicator of said second user to receive said map and to designate the location on said map of said first user and determining a mobile communicator address of said first user (not show),

said server (database 105/205) also being operative to provide to said second user via said second user's mobile communicator ([0020]-[0026]), personal information relating to said first user upon receipt of authorization from said first user ([0106]), using said first user's mobile communicator ([0106], claim 1 (lines 22-25)),

said server (database 105/205) additionally being operative, following:

provision to said first user of said personal information relating to said second user ([0020]-[0026], [0087] lines 18-20); and

provision to said second user of said personal information relating to said first user ([0106]-[0107], [0087] lines 18-20),

to enable communication between said first and second user via said first user's mobile communicator and said second user's mobile communicator (fig.1-2, [0106]-[0107]).

Bell fails to specifically disclose providing a visually sensible map indicating the relative locations of a plurality of said mobile communicators in communication with said server in a space, employing the mobile communicator of said second user to receive said map and to designate the location on said map of said first user and determining a mobile communicator address of said first user.

However, Sheha teaches providing a visually sensible map indicating the relative locations of a plurality of said mobile communicators in communication with said server (ODAS 3) in a space ([0050]-[0051]), employing the mobile communicator of said second user to receive said map (abstract) and to designate the location on said map of said first user (abstract) and determining a mobile communicator address of said first user ([0050]-[0051]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply the teaching of Sheha to Bell to provide an improved system for obtaining real-time remote and/or local position information in various environments for a plurality of purposes, such as mapping, routing, and direction finding.

Regarding claim 28, Bell and Sheha further teach an introductions system according to claim 27 and wherein said server (see Sheha, ODAS 3) is operative to provide said personal information generally in real time with respect to said designation (see Sheha, abstract, [0050]-[0051]).

Regarding claim 29, Bell and Sheha further teach an introductions system according to claim 27 and wherein said plurality of mobile communicators (see Bell, fig.2) comprises at least one cellular telephone (see Bell, [0059]).

Regarding claim 30, Bell and Sheha further teach an introductions system according to claim 27 and wherein said plurality of mobile communicators (see Bell, fig.2) comprises at least one wireless personal digital assistant (PDA) (see Bell, [0059]).

Regarding claim 31, Bell and Sheha further teach an introductions system according to claim 27 and wherein said server is operative to determine if said first person is a subscriber to said introductions system (see Bell, [0087]).

Regarding claim 32, Bell teaches an introductions method comprising:

storing personal information relating to a plurality of users of a corresponding plurality of mobile communicators (fig.2, database 105, [0015]); and

providing to a first user of said plurality of users ([0020]-[0026]), via said first user's mobile communicator (fig.2), said personal information of a second user of said plurality of users ([0020]-[0026]), upon said second user designating said first user by using said second user's mobile communicator ([0106], claim 1 (lines 22-25)), said designating comprising:

providing to said second user via said second user's mobile communicator ([0020]-[0026]), personal information relating to said first user (fig.2), upon receipt of

authorization from said first user ([0106]), using said first user's mobile communicator ([0106], claim 1 (lines 22-25)); and following:

said providing to said first user of said personal information relating to said second user ([0020]-[0026], [0087] lines 18-20); and

said providing to said second user of said personal information relating to said first user ([0106]-[0107], [0087] lines 18-20),

enabling communication between said first and second user via said first user's mobile communicator and said second user's mobile communicator ([0106]-[0107]).

Bell fails to specifically disclose employing a mobile communicator location functionality for providing a visually sensible map indicating the relative locations of a plurality of said mobile communicators which are in communication with said server in a space; employing said second user's mobile communicator to receive said map; designating the location on said map of said first user; and determining a mobile communicator address of said first user.

However, Sheha teaches employing a mobile communicator location functionality for providing a visually sensible map indicating the relative locations of a plurality of said mobile communicators which are in communication with said server in a space ([0050]-[0051]); employing said second user's mobile communicator to receive said map (abstract); designating the location on said map of said first user (abstract); and determining a mobile communicator address of said first user ([0050]-[0051]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply the teaching of Sheha to Bell to provide an improved system for obtaining real-time remote and/or local position information in various environments for a plurality of purposes, such as mapping, routing, and direction finding.

Regarding claim 33 is rejected with the same reasons set forth in claim 28.

Regarding claim 34 is rejected with the same reasons set forth in claim 29.

Regarding claim 35 is rejected with the same reasons set forth in claim 30.

Regarding claim 36 is rejected with the same reasons set forth in claim 31.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KHAI M. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-7923. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent P. Harper can be reached on 571.272.7605. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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